THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No information in regard to alleged harassment of innocent people of North Cachar Hill District is available.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Border dispute between NE States

3437. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the initiatives taken by Government to solve the border dispute problems among Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Meghalaya States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): The Government of India had convened a tripartite meeting on 16.7.1998 to resolve the boundary dispute between the States of Assam and Nagaland. The view taken in that meeting was that a Boundary Dispute Commission, whose recommendations would be final and binding, be appointed. However, this was not acceptable to the State Governments concerned.

As regards the boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya, the Government of India had decided to convene a tripartite meeting in March, 2000 with the officials of the State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya. However, the Government of Assam informed that there was no major boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya and that the problems arising here and there could be sorted out through mutual discussions between the two States at official or political level. The Government of Assam, therefore, requested the Government of India to cancel the proposed meeting.

Deterioration of internal security

3438. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether internal security of the country has been deteriorating of late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete measures taken to ensure that internal security, violence and anarchy are tackled efficiently and the details thereof?